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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING TO NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE AT APPROPRIATE TIME PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1. QUOTE:
DEAR GENERAL OBASANJO: AS YOU CELEBRATE THE SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE, IT IS A PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCE, ON THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION, OF OUR DESIRE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO GROW STRONGER AND, AS YOU SAID IN YOUR RECENT MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF OUR BICENTENNIAL, THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO

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WORK FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLES AND IN THE

INTEREST OF PEACE, PROGRESS, AND INTERNATIONAL UNDER-
STANDING. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION
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